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**Cc:** Ruiz, Thomas[Ruiz.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**From:** Curry, Ron  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 12:05:06 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Card, Joan" <Card.Joan@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 7, 2015 at 6:53:35 PM CDT  
**To:** "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Blumenfeld, Jared" <BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV>, "Curry, Ron" <Curry.Ron@epa.gov>, "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>, "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>, "Coleman, Sam" <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Alexis" <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>, "Kao, Jessica" <Kao.Jessica@epa.gov>, "Smith, Paula" <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>, "Russo, Rebecca" <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov>, "Vaught, Laura" <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>, "Distefano, Nichole" <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>, "Cristiano, Gina" <Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Matt, it means the wells are pumping orange water. Users stopped using them for drinking water and we are providing an alternate. Sampling and analysis will tell us the levels of metals, etc. over the coming days.

Also, the experts are still working on the metals information, which is going to be more comprehensive and detailed than the pH information. Their ETA is now 6:30.

Joan

-----Original Message-----

From: Fritz, Matthew  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 5:37 PM  
To: Card, Joan  
Cc: Blumenfeld, Jared; Curry, Ron; Gray, David; McGrath, Shaun; Coleman, Sam; Strauss, Alexis; Kao, Jessica; Smith, Paula; Russo, Rebecca; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole; Rupp, Mark; Cristiano, Gina  
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Joan,

Thank you for the update.

Since I require more education than most can you help me understand the term "impacted" in this situation?

Is it that we already have results that show certain constituents above a drinking water standard? Or, there are wells that in the vicinity of the river that pull water from it and could potentially have elevated levels of metals, etc.?

On Aug 7, 2015, at 7:29 PM, Card, Joan <[Card.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Card.Joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Private drinking water wells in the vicinity of Durango, Colorado have been impacted by the spill. Region 8 contractors are working now to sample them and provide alternative sources of drinking water.

Typically, we would notify the public to be in contact with us if they have an impacted well so we can address it.

This information is a heads up so we can think collectively about how to handle this kind of notification. It seems likely that private wells in New Mexico would be similarly impacted, possibly in Utah too. We can discuss this on the call tomorrow.  
Thanks. Joan